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PROPAGATION: Jan 24-31, High Normal; Feb 1,2, High Normal; Feb 3, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
162	137	1/12	140	15	2
164	132	1/13	140	7	2
159	135	1/14	142	8	3
155	141	1/15	146	19	2
158	152	1/16	145	25	2
160	158	1/17	143	22	4
167	173	1/18	139	24	3

HEARD ISLAND: following extensive on-the-air eavesdropping and after checking the phases of the Moon, our fearless predictions are as follows: VKØHI will open from Heard on Monday, Jan 24, and VKØJS/NL will open from Heard on Thursday, Jan 27. But don't be surprised if either or both groups appear earlier. The HIDXA expedition aboard the Cheynes II had to return to Western Australia for repairs and left again Jan 16; Jim Smith said everything was going as planned except for being ten days behind schedule. The VK6 DX Chasers expedition arrived at Kerguelen Jan 18 and expected to leave for the final leg, to Heard, on the 19th. They figured on three days (they're sailing to conserve fuel) and a slow set-up. But they'll be there for up to one month.

HOW TO WORK CHINA: Both BY8AA and BY1PK operate CW only, on 15 and 20 Meters, primarily around 0100Z. They work split frequency only. It does no good to call them on the frequency they last made contact on, as they are inveterate dial-spinners.

THE CHAD OPERATION we have mentioned the past two weeks was to have been by Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, and wife Martha, WN4FVU. Nothing heard from them as of Jan 20, although they should have been in Chad by then. Keep listening!

LAST MAY's VK9ZR MELLISH REEF operation by VK2BJL, DJ9ZB, EA8AK, VK3DHT, and KB7NW, was followed by a three-day stay on Willis Island, where the group used the same VK9ZR callsign. QSLs for the two operations are identical on the back side (where your QSO information is) and are different only on the front, where there are photos of the appropriate sites. One local we know got a Willis QSL when he wanted a Mellish Reef card, so it would pay to check your cards carefully before sending them off to Newington, CQ, etc.

BANGLADESH: Following twelve days from Nepal as 9N1WW, JA8MWU and JH8NYK will spend three days in Bangladesh and hope to be on the air Feb 28 to Mar 1. After that they'll rest up on the Maldives and sign 8Q7JA Mar 11-25. Usual frequencies on both CW and SSB, they say. QSL S21 and 8Q7 to JA8MWU, 9N1WW to JA8BMK.

More Maldives action Mar 5-23 as Jack Laib, HB9TL, makes his annual foray to the islands, signing 8Q7AH, mostly 20 M.

Re TDXB Issue 173...J3 is changing to J37. And the change for San Marino's prefix will take place sometime in May, we think, from M1 to T7.

Would you appoint someone whose address is not correct in the latest Callbook as your QSL manager? Well, that's what FB8XAB did. His manager's correct address is: F6GXB, Jacques Calvo, 8 rue Messenger, 91240 St. Michael sur Orge, France.

LONDON (UPI) the queen has awarded Tom Christian an MBE. No, not some kind of graduate degree, but rather Member of the British Empire. The award was for "public service." Christian, in an interview, said Pitcairn has been in decline for years, and its 44 residents fear they may soon have to abandon the island.

YASME REPORT: W6KG and W6QL finished up at W6KG/A4 Jan 8, after logging five kilocontacts in 127 DXCC entities. They were on 80-10 but not on the WARC bands, which are not authorized in Oman. They felt lucky to be able to operate at all, as "visitors, tourism, and transit guests are in general not allowed." They feared TVI problems there in the Sea View Hotel but found that broadcasting is done at UHF, so no sweat. Oman, they report, is bustling with construction of new buildings and roads, obviously thanks to American and Western European oil dollars. Next stop is Qatar, where the pair are currently active as W6KG/A71 (until Feb 10).

10 MHz. You might want to check out the propagation article by W4MB in January Ham Radio magazine (it deals with all three new bands). We have only been able to listen (and operate) on 30 Meters the last two weeks, and are scratching our head over the propagation. There does not seem to be nearly as much DX on as there was before the Yanks got the band back in October. Most of the DX signals are pretty weak, except for the VKs. A large percentage of the CW operating on the band seems to be a cross between 160 Meter techniques and the Novice bands. DX activity for North Americans seems to have definite peaks around sunrise and sunset, just like 40 Meters.

Issue 173 had some band propagation forecasts for U.S. to Heard Island. You might also want to know the sunrise and sunset times there on Heard for the next month or so. They are: Jan 15, up 2338Z, down 1557; Feb 1, up 0001Z, down 1519; Feb 15, up 0029, down, 1451; and Mar 1, up 0058Z, down 1422. These from ON4UN via XE1MD (TNX!).

SOUTH SHETLANDS: just when we thought we had all the Antarctic islands operating by Argentinians covered, along came LU3ZI, on Jan 16. LU1DZ and LU3EDZ are the operators, and they'll be there until Feb 16. They like 20 Meter CW.

Victor Rivera, ZK1CG (pictured here last issue) says we should go see the new David Bowie movie "Merry Xmas Mr. Lawrence," as Victor has a part in it...the movie was made right there on Rarotonga. The flick is scheduled for release soon.

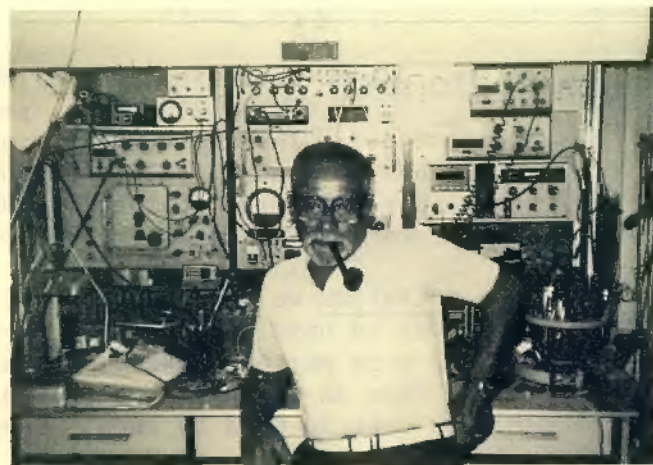
And speaking of flicks, we got our first "customer" for our videotape of "The World

of Amateur Radio." A reminder that you can borrow the tape for five bucks, post-paid both ways. We hadn't seen it since it came out several years ago, but we did take another look the other day. JY1 stars, and guess who he is working? Uli, DK2OC, that's who. Too bad Hussein said "best of 73's." Your editor still feels that the film misses its goal of appealing to young people by using tired celebrities like Barry Goldwater and Arthur Godfrey. We bet if the kids saw members of "Pink Floyd" pushing ham radio they'd all be listening to code tapes on their Walkmen.

Corrections to our 1982 wrap-up in Issue 173...W. Carolines was on in '82 by both W9GW and AD1S, and TI9FAG and VVR were both on (we included them because there was some question about validity of their QSLs). And we should have said KP5 (Desecheo), not KP1.

We also requested that you send (or phone) us the callsign and date of the last QSO you've had with any countries in the TDXB Top Twenty, except BY, FB8W, and PY0 Peter and Paul. This is so we can compile an accurate list of the most recent operation from each of the Top Twenty. So far only W4VQ has responded and we'd sure appreciate it if a few more of you would take time to check your files. Thanks!

Looking for: VK0H, VU/L, ZA, XU, 70, 3Y, VU/A, XZ, CE0X, HK0M, XV, 4W, YA, A6, TT, XW, and ZL/K.



Here's Fernando, CR9AK, the only licensed resident ham in Macao. Photo courtesy JA1MIN, who operated CR9M from Macao last year.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2SQ 14206 13C 9	FR7CB 14201 02E 6	UA9MEA 7006 12E 11	G3KTR/
AP2MQ 14214 04E 14	FR7CA 28026 13E 11	UH8EAD 14008 04E 12	5NØ 10107 21E 13
AP2ZR 14207 13C 14	GJ3YHU 3507 02E 13	UI8ACP 14028 04E 12	KC7NU/
A4XJW 14201 14W 9	GU3KFT 3799 07E 7	UM8NAP 14059 03E 9	5N6 14028 23C 18
A4XJW 14202 13C 13	GU5CIA 7005 04E 7	UM8MBA 14004 13E 9	5T5TO 7016 07E 8
BY1PK 21033 01E 7	HI8GB 3799 04E 15	VK6HD 3798 12E 15	5T5RR 28506 18E 14
BY8AA 14048 01E 11	HKØBKX 14008 12E 18	VP8WA 21345 00E 11	5Z4CQ 7005 02C 8
BY8AA 14043 01E 13	JW5NM 14041 01W 12	VP8QG 14211 03E 13	5Z4CS 21028 13E 11
BY1PK 14033 23E 13	JW4GN 14216 16C 14	VP8AOB 14030 01E 11	N4NW/
CE6EAT 3505 01E 15	KH7AA 21370 23C 9	(S. Orkneys)	6W8 21300 23E 10
CEØCEW/Z 14222 02E 16	KH7AA 3795 11E 15	VP8AOB 14031 03E 11	N4NW/
CEØEVG/Z 14223 04E 16	J6LB 3777 07E 6	VP8AOD 14225 03E 13	6W8 21269 20E 11
CN2JG 3799 05E 14	J73AE 3505 02E 11	(S. Orkneys)	7P8CL 21030 18E 9
CN8CU 14218 00E 9	LU3ZI 14020 01E 17	VP8AOD 14225 02C 14	7P8CL 7004 04C 11
CN8EU 14203 00C 16	(S. Shetlands)	VP8AOB 14036 02E 18	7P8BO 14335 20E 18
C31NP 28597 16E 11	LU3ZI 14020 00E 18	VQ9CI 14039 13E 10	8P6AU 3510 00E 11
C6ABA 10103 22E 11	LU3ZI 14021 02E 19	VS5HG 21345 00C 10	8R1RBF 3796 05E 14
W6CUV/	LX1CF 28014 15E 9	VS5HG 21345 00C 11	9J2TY 7011 04E 13
DU2 14016 00E 9	MLV 14204 16W 9	VS6DO 7003 12C 12	9J2TY 14017 01E 13
D44BC 3796 06E 11	OD1DAV 10101 15W 13	VS6KV 14218 13C 14	9J2TY 14221 00E 14
DJ6BN/	OD5LX 14030 14C 14	VS6DO 3797 11E 17	9J2TY 14225 00C 17
EA6 14023 13E 9	DF3NZ/	N6YK/	9K2BE 14028 13C 14
EA6AU 28013 16E 9	ST2 14210 23E 10	V2A 3794 03E 11	9L1YL 21286 23C 11
EA8YV 3788 07E 7	G4AVW/	XT2AW 14240 22C 12	9M8PW 14209 14C 13
EA9IE 3799 07E 6	ST3 21292 19E 11	YBØADJ 14026 13E 10	9N1AW 14235 02C 13
EA9EU 7004 23E 8	G4AVW/	YK1AO 14226 14E 11	9V1VV 21017 01W 14
EA9EU 7003 22E 9	ST3 21292 19C 13	YS1GM 3799 02E 7	9X5BG 14278 04E 8
EA9KW 14217 00E 9	SV1NA 7005 01E 9	ZB2GR 10102 21E 12	9X5WP 21284 18C 13
EA9EO 10108 00E 11	SVØAA 7003 23C 13	ZD7BW 28535 16E 16	
EL2BE 7017 01E 9	TF3YH 3793 01E 6	ZD8TM 28013 21E 16	
FB8XAB 14012 06E 9	TG9VT 3802 02W 8	ZD9BX 21334 21E 10	
FB8XAB 14222 04E 12	TI2DL 3509 10C 18	F9UW/	
FB8XAB 14011 02W 15	TL8GE 21290 20E 12	3A 14226 14E 11	
FB8XAB 14219 04E 16	TL8ER 21030 23E 13	3B8CF 7003 02E 11	
FB8XAB 14007 03E 18	TL8CK 28590 21E 15	3B8FK 14026 02E 15	
FB8ZQ 14014 01E 6	TL8ER 14010 20E 16	3B8DA/	
FB8ZQ 14215 13E 10	TR8DR 21017 21E 12	3B9 14215 02E 13	
FB8ZQ 14006 01E 13	TR8JD 14010 21E 15	3B9DA/	
FB8ZQ 14014 01E 14	TU2IN/	3B9 14213 02E 15	
FB8ZQ 14035 01C 15	TT8 21025 20C 11	4U1ITU 21048 16E 16	
FB8ZP 14215 02E 15	TU2HJ 14205 23E 12	4X6DX 7006 01E 15	
FB8ZQ 14035 01E 16	F6FIC/	4Z4AB 3790 02E 11	
FG7BP 14023 12C 12	TZ 14285 00E 9	5B4JE 14211 15W 8	
FH8CQ 21292 19E 11	T32AB 3794 06E 6	5B4EP 3790 02E 11	
FH8CB 28594 15E 11	UK1PGO 14215 12E 12	5H3KG 14219 04E 8	
FH8CL 14213 02C 14	(Fr. Josef Land)	5H3BH 21292 19E 11	
FH8CB 14214 00E 15	UK1PGO 14213 14C 12	5H3LB 21053 20E 11	

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CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

BEACONS On 14100 NOW; Issues 168, 171, 172
 Crozet FB8WH/WI on 20 NOW; need reports
 Heard VKØHI/VKØCW starts about Jan 24
 Heard VKØJS/NL starts about Jan 27
 Chad Possible by WB4ZNH; Issue 175

Rodriguez 3B8DA/3B9 on 20 Now to May
 Kerguelen FB8XAB on 20 Now to Mar
 S Shetlands LU3ZI on Now to Feb 16
 Qatar W6KG/A71 on Now to Feb 10
 Iran EP2TY on again; try DK2OC net

N Cooks ZK1WL by ZL3AHF on CW only Now to June
 Monaco PA3BXC/3A on Now to Mar 1; need reports
 China How to work it...Issue 175
 S. Orkneys LU5ZA on Now to Feb 16
 K4YT In Asia Now; itinerary Issue 175

Antarctica LU1ZR/ZB Jan 26-Feb 9
 Bahrain A9 by W6KG/W6QL after Qatar
 S Shetlands LU1ZC Feb 6-9
 Trindade Possible by PY1RR in February
 S Orkneys LU1ZA Feb 13-16

Nepal 9N1WW by JA8MWU, JH8NYK Feb 15-27
 St Vincent J8 by KAIUA rumored Feb 1-7
 St Vincent J87LTA by K4LTA Feb 19-28
 Turks VP5XX rumored Feb 28-Mar 9
 Antigua K4LTA/V2A Mar 1-8

BANGLADESH S21 by JA8MWU, JH8NYK, Feb 28-Mar 1; I 175
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 Maldives 8Q7AH by HB9TL Mar 5-23
 Maldives 8Q7JA by JA8MWU, JH8NYK, Mar 11-25; I 175
 St Maarten K3UOC/PJ6 Mar 26-28; K3UOC/PJ8 Mar 29-31

Hong Kong KL7IHP/VS6 Mar 26-Apr 2
 Macao Possible late Mar by KL7IHP

KA1BU, KH6BZF, K1KTB, W8GZX, W4VO,
 W5INL, WIWY, XE1MD, YASME, KB9U,
 VE3FRA, HB9TL, JA8BMK, W5LLU,
 K4KUZ, W8UVZ, AB8K, KB8KW, K6QS,
 KP4EQF, KM1C, K4BAI, KD7H, WØBW,
 W4CKD, W8MMC, W8AH, K4DLI, K6IR,
 WD5AAM, W7YF, KA3R, K3MRT, KØCVD,
 NI4Y, WB4ZNH.

SWIFTIES

The editor accepts full responsibility and blame for the following:

"I takled to one of the locals,"
 Tom s'neered.

"I'm fishing for DX,"
 Tom said with baited breath.

"There's a breaker on frequency,"
 Tom interjected.

"I can work HV3SJ any time I want,"
 Tom pontificated.

"Congrats on working that 3A,"
 Tom said gracefully.

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